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Request for Reconsideration

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office communication dated 19 March 2008, in which the Examiner required restriction between Claims 1 to 13 and Claims 14 to 15. Please amend the above identified application and enter remarks as follows:

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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